



Broad Funding Announcement

To officially launch ARPA-E, DOE issued the first Funding Opportunity Announcement on April 27, 2009. As ARPA-E's inaugural program, the Broad Funding Announcement (BFA) was open to all energy ideas and technologies, but focused on applicants who already had well-formed research and development plans for potentially high-impact concepts or new technologies.

An exceptional 3,700+ concept papers flooded in to the new agency. Following a thorough review process that included nearly 11,500 reviews by over 500 scientists and engineers from academia and industry, ARPA-E selected 37 projects on October 26, 2009 for a total of \$151 million of Recovery Act funds. The value of individual awards ranged from \$500,000 to just over \$9 million, with an average of \$4 million, with an award lifespan of two to three years. The ARPA-E investment in these projects catalyzed an additional \$33 million in only two months, mostly from the private sector.

Timeline

- President Obama announced the funding opportunity on April 27, 2009.
- Secretary Chu announced the award selections on October 26, 2009.

Project stats

- 41 projects, totaling \$158.4 Million
- Complete descriptions can be found at:
<http://arpa-e.energy.gov/ProgramsProjects/BroadFundingAnnouncement.aspx>

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